

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/657,219

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 7/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 4-5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17-24, 25, 26-28, 29-30, 32, 33, 34, 35-36, 41-48, 50, 51 and 52 (renumbered claims 1-3, 6-7, 8, 11, 9, 4, 12, 10, 13-20, 5, 21-23, 26-27, 28, 30, 29, 24-25, 31-38, 39, 41 and 40.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Mallie on 9/10/07.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 51 line 1 delete [49] replace with 44.

2. This action is responsive to communication filed 7/25/07.

Response to Amendment

3. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claims 6, 13-16, 31, 37-40 and 49.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-3, 4-5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17-24, 25, 26-28, 29-30, 32, 33, 34, 35-36, 41-48, 50, 51 and 52 (renumbered claims 1-3, 6-7, 8, 11, 9, 4, 12, 10, 13-20, 5, 21-23, 26-27, 28, 30, 29, 24-25, 31-38, 39, 41 and 40 allowed.

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5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for independent claims 1, 26 and 44. The prior art fails to disclose restoring original encoded data including temporarily truncated entire encoded data of the at least one frame in the group and automatically selecting a frame that is processed as the truncated code stream, wherein automatically selecting the frame that is processed automatically selecting a frame with less movement, frame having large camera vibration or frame that does not include a person. These features in combination with other features are not taught in the prior art. Claims 2-5, 7-12, 17-25, 27-30, 32-36, 41-43, 45-48 and 50-52 depend on claims 1, 26 and 44. Therefore are also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory M. Desire whose telephone number is (571) 272-7449. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on (571) 272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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